GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3421
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2000
DISMISSAL OF CMD OF HOTEL CORPORATION OF INDIA
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL;PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Hotel Corporation of India was dismissed from service two years back;

(b) if so, the grounds on which he was dismissed from service and the course adopted by him against the order and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether he has since been reinstated; and

(d) if so, the grounds therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) & (b) : The then Managing Director of the Hotel Corporation of India Limited (HCIL) was removed with effect from 2.9.1999 from service by the comptent disciplinary authority on the charge of misuse of his official position during Septermber, 1997 by providing free air-tickets and free board and lodging in the Centaur Hotel, Juhu Beach, Mumbai to an officer in the National Commission for SCs & STs who was dealing with the cases of HCIL, with a view to influencing him in the official discharge of his duties. The order of removal was challenged by the former Managing Director in the High Court of Mumbai which was subsequently withdrawn.

(c) & (d) : On a representation from the then Managing Director in October 1999, the matter was reviewed by the competent authority who directed that since the penalty imposed on the then Managing Director was disproportionate to the gravity of his misconduct, the ends of justice would be met if major penalty of reduction of his pay to a lower stage was imposed on him. Accordingly, the penalty of reducing his basic pay to Rs.10,000/- per month in the scale of pay of Rs.10000-400-12000 was imposed on him in modification the earlier orders of removal, on 2.2.2000.